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(Attorney Docket No. HQ0045A)

In the Application of:
Skillen et al.

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For: AN ASSOCIATIVE SEARCH ENGINE

§ Group Art Unit: 2776
§ Examiner: David Yiuk Jung
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 16, 2003 and respectfully request consideration of the remarks presented herein. Attached hereto is a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite petition fee, thereby extending the response date to February 16, 2004.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted pending claims 1-19, 29-79, and 86-113 into groups a through w, each group corresponding to a pending independent claim. In response to this restriction requirement, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6, 9, 11-19, 75-79, and 107-108 are directed to a common invention and that these claims should be examined together. Should the Examiner disagree with this assertion the Applicants request that the undersigned attorney be called immediately to further discuss this issue further. Moreover, should the Examiner not agree that claims 1-6, 9, 11-19, 75-79, and 107-108 should be Examined together, the Applicants provisionally elect claims 1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

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